



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The Administrator has received an application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit # NEV94016 from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 7011
Carson City, NV 89702

The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) operates the Humboldt Conservation Camp (HCC), which is located one mile north of I-80, 10 miles southwest of Winnemucca. HCC is designed for a population of 150 inmates. A Nevada Division of Forestry satellite office is adjacent to the facility and is connected to the HCC sewer system. Wastewater flow from the camp is settled in a 15,000-gallon septic tank. Kitchen wastewater flows into a grease interceptor prior to discharge into the septic tank. The Division has established a maximum daily flow limit of 32,000 gallons per day (0.032 MGD) with a 30-day average flow of 0.021 MGD. From the septic tank, wastewater flows to a lift station where it is pumped into an approximately 300,000 gallon HDPE lined pond (70' wide X 90' long X 6.5' deep). The pond is operated in a plug flow mode consisting of three phases encompassing anoxic/aerated phases, and settle and decant phases. The plug flow operation results in an effluent which contains a maximum of 10.0 mg/L total nitrogen as N. The decanted effluent is pumped to leachfields where it percolates into the groundwaters of the State.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue (renew) permit to discharge subject to specific effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on February 12, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received by **February 12, 2007** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Jim Hogan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9434, or by facsimile 775.687.4684, or by e-mail: jhogan@ndep.nv.gov.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.